



75TH RANGER REGIMENT

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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COL. JAMES C. NIXON

Commanding Officer / 13th colonel of the regiment

Assumed command on August 7, 2003

Col. Craig Nixon is a native of Tallapoosa, Ga., and was raised in an Air Force family. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army's infantry branch upon graduation from Auburn University in 1982.

His past assignments include: rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader and company executive officer for 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, Fort Carson, Colo.; staff officer and company commander, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, Camp Howze, Korea; staff officer and commander, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.; battalion operations officer (S-3), United Nations Command Security Force-Joint Security Area, Panmunjom, Korea; battalion liaison officer and S-3, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.; J-3 Current Operations, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.; commander, United Nations Command Security Battalion-Joint Security Area, Korea; commander, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.; and most recently, the director of operations, J-3, at the Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.



Col. Nixon has participated in a number of contingency operations, including: Operation Just Cause, Panama, 1989-90; Task Force Ranger, Somalia, 1993; Operation Restore Freedom, 1996; Operation Joint Guard, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1997; Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, 2002; and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq, 2003.

He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University and a Master of Military Arts and Sciences degree from the Army Command and General Staff College. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Army Command and Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Air War College.

His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the NATO Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead and two Service Stars. He has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge with two Combat Stars, the Air Assault Badge and the Ranger Tab.

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